

Service Date: November 28, 1980

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER of the Application)
of the TOWN OF CASCADE for Author-)
ity to Adopt Increased Water Rates.)
_____) UTILITY DIVISION
) DOCKET NO. 80.9.77
) DEFAULT ORDER NO. 4720

On September 9, 1980, the Town of Cascade (Applicant) filed an application with the Montana Public Service Commission for an order authorizing the applicant to increase its water rates to provide additional revenue to defray increased costs of operation to maintain, repair, and improve the water utility facilities.

Having considered the application and the documentation furnished by Applicant in support of its application and deeming itself fully advised in the premises, the Commission makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. A Notice of Opportunity for Public Hearing was published in the October 21, 1980 edition of the Great Falls Tribune and the October 23, 1980 edition of the Cascade Courier. The notice stated that if no requests for a public hearing were received by November 17, 1980, an appropriate order would be issued based upon evidence submitted with the application.

2. No requests for a hearing were received and no hearing was scheduled.

3. On May 19, 1980, the Town Council of the Town of Cascade passed Resolution No. 416 setting water rates at the proposed level.

4. The Town alleges it needs additional revenue to defray increased costs of operation to maintain, repair, and improve the water utility facilities.

5. The Town anticipates that the proposed increase in rates will increase annual revenues by approximately \$14,500.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Commission has jurisdiction over parties and proceedings in this matter.

2. Interested persons were given proper notice and an opportunity to request a public hearing on this matter.

3. The resulting rate levels are reasonable and just.

ORDER


1. The rates as set forth in Appendix "A" attached and by this reference incorporated herein are authorized.

2. These rates shall be effective for all water services rendered on and after November 24, 1980.

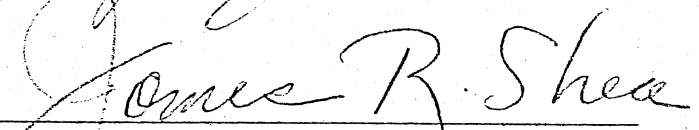
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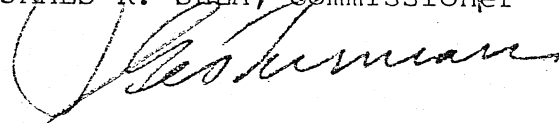
BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


GORDON E. BOLLINGER, Chairman

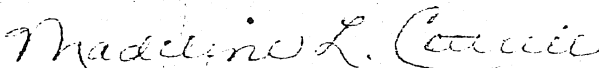

THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Commissioner


CLYDE JARVIS, Commissioner


JAMES R. SHEA, Commissioner


GEORGE TURMAN, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Madeline L. Cottrill
Secretary

(SEAL)

NOTE: You may be entitled to judicial review of the final decision in this matter. If no Motion for Reconsideration is filed, judicial review may be obtained by filing a petition for review within thirty (30) days from the service of this order. If a Motion for Reconsideration is filed, a Commission order is final for purpose of appeal upon the entry of a ruling on that motion, or upon the passage of ten (10) days following the filing of that motion. cf. the Montana Administrative Procedure Act, esp. Sec. 2-4-702, MCA, and Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure, esp. 38-2.2(64)-P2750, ARM.

APPENDIX "A"Monthly
Rate

\$ 5.70

Residential-Flat month-
ly rate

12.00

Annual Irrigation Fee

6.00

Commercial-Flat month-
ly rate

12.00

Annual Irrigation Fee

.25 per 200 gallons

Bulk Sales

Meter Rates

6.00 minimum

1st 4000 gallons

6.90 .90

5000

7.80 .90

6000

8.40 .60

7000

9.40 .60

8000

9.60 .60

9000

10.12 .52

10000

.52 per thousand

additional thousand